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SUBJECT: PAKISTANI RELATIONS WITH SAUDIS "STRAINED"
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Classified By: CDA David Rundell, reasons 1.4 b & d.

1. (C) SAUDIS UNHAPPY WITH ZARDARI: Echoing Pakistani interlocutors in Washington and Islamabad, in an introductory call with PolCouns, Pakistan
2. (C) NAWAS FAVORED: Khanzada said the Pakistanis are convinced that Saudi King Abdallah would prefer to see Pakistan run by former PM Nawas
3. (C) AFGHAN MEDIATION: Khanzada claimed that the Pakistani government was not directly informed about the Saudi Afghan mediation effort, the
4. (C) COMMENT: Khanzada's remarks track with reporting from Islamabad and Washington regarding Pakistani concerns about deteriorating relations